

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANCHIE FARMER,

Defendant.

Case No. 11-cr-40073-JPG

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on defendant Franchie Farmer's motion in which she requests copies of her transcripts, indictment, superseding indictment, and discovery (Doc. 110).

Defendants have no constitutional right to a complimentary copy of any document in their court files. *See United States v. Groce*, 838 F. Supp. 411, 413-14 (E.D. Wis. 1993). Before providing copies free of charge or otherwise making portions of the record available to a prisoner, a district court may require that the requestor: (1) show that he is unable to pay for copies (*i.e.*, through a certified record of his prison account), (2) show that he has exhausted *all* other means of access to his files (*i.e.*, through his trial or appellate counsel), and (3) make some showing as to the purpose for which the transcripts are sought. *See United States v. Wilkinson*, 618 F.2d 1215, 1218 n.3 (7th Cir. 1980); *Rush v. United States*, 559 F.2d 455, 459 (7th Cir. 1977); *Groce*, 838 F. Supp. at 417.

Here, Farmer has failed to satisfy the requirements to obtain free copies. She has failed to provide her certified prison account record to verify she is unable to pay for the requested copies. She has not suggested that she has exhausted other means to obtain copies of her file, such as requesting the copies from counsel. Further, the Court does not maintain copies of defendants' discovery.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court **DENIES** Farmer's motion for copies (Doc. 110).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: October 15, 2013

s/ J. Phil Gilbert
J. PHIL GILBERT
DISTRICT JUDGE